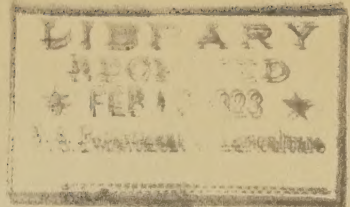


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PEA APHID UNUSUALLY ABUNDANT IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

(Illinoia pisi Kalt.)

A note dated February 1 has been received from Mr. R. E. Campbell, of the Bureau of Entomology, stating that the mild winter and the unusually warm weather during the first half of January, where a maximum of 90°F. was reached, has caused a rapid multiplication of the pea aphid on purple vetch, which is grown as a cover crop in several parts of Los Angeles County. Damage varies considerably but some orchards show many spots in which the vetch has been entirely killed. A cold, wet spell at the end of the month checked the multiplication somewhat, but some of the fields are so seriously infested that many growers are plowing several weeks in advance of the regular time for this operation.

